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The annexed figure represents the other particularities and specific characters of the plant, which I shall call *Heterandra reniformis*.

(Signed) BEAUVOIS.

Nº. XXI.

*A Letter from Colonel WINTHROP SARGENT, to Dr. BENJAMIN SMITH BARTON, accompanying Drawings and some Account of certain Articles, which were taken out of an ancient Tumulus, or Grave, in the Western-Country.*

Cincinnati, N. W. Territory, Sep. 8th, 1794.

Read May  
20, 1796.

**I** HAVE the pleasure, my dear Sir, to transmit you a drawing of some matters more extraordinary than have heretofore come under my observation, in all the researches into the antiquities of this country. The multiplicity of my avocations leaves not leisure for more than rough delineations; and you must be contented to receive them in this style. I possess all the originals, and intend by some safe conveyance presenting them to the Philosophical Society, should they believe them of importance enough for a deposit of my disposition to promote the purposes of their institution. The drawing, perhaps, is too imperfect to stand the test of criticism, and it might not be prudent to hazard it to their view. Your judgment, however, should govern.\*

It may be proper to add, that the body with which this collection was interred, was found lying in nearly a horizontal position, about five feet from the surface of the

\* Since the date of this letter, the Philosophical Society have received the articles. From comparing them with the drawings, it appears that the latter are, in general, sufficiently correct. B. S. B.

earth, with the head towards the setting sun, and at the S. W. side of, or about fifteen feet from, an extensive artificial mound of earth, raised probably for the purpose of a burial ground, upon the margin of the second bank of the Ohio-river (suddenly rising fifty feet above the first) and now elevated, in the extreme, eight feet from the general level of the same, with a gradual slope in the various directions, and a base of about 120 feet by sixty. One of the main streets of the town passes through the Western part of this grave, and in the frequent repairs of the acclivity, human bones have often been found. You have, I think, been heretofore told by me, and perhaps received a sketch, of very extensive ancient fortifications at Cincinnati, not regular as those at Muskingum, but very worthy of notice.\* I should not omit to mention to you, that upon this mound are the stumps of oak-trees, seven feet diameter; and within seven feet, one of small size ————— years of age. Many, in its vicinity, that might have been of more duration, are removed by the opening of this road, or street. In addition to the matters of which you have the drawing, were several utensils, or ornaments, lost or mislaid. If hereafter they come to my view, you shall receive information.

In the meantime, and always, believe me desirous of contributing to your amusement, and of promoting science all in my power.

Adieu,

W. SARGENT.

\* For plans and descriptions of the ruins at Muskingum, see the *Columbian Magazine*, for May 1787; and my *Observations on some Parts of Natural History*, &c. printed in London, in the year 1787. B. S. B.